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Dog Owner Convicted of Manslaughter

By Derek Moorhead

That verdict echoed through the minds and bodies of the five students that participated in the sixth annual Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament. The tournament, which falls on the second week in February, is held in Des Moines, lowa, with 95 teams from schools competing from all over the country. This year the students tried a criminal case where a dog attacked a child.

National competition allows pre-law departments from two-year and four-year institutions to face off against each other with the use of a legal scenario. Teams attend three rounds of trials Saturday and finish the final round Sunday, with each round taking over two hours to complete.

The Mock Trial team has three attorneys and three witnesses. The attorneys were Lissa Carroll, Paul Leonard, and second-year member Derek Moorhead. The witnesses were Jeff Campbell, David Dildine, and second year member Jeff Kuhns.

Avila competed against Illinois State University, Wright State University, University of Louisville, and Central lowa. In the end, Avila tied for 16th place with many other schools and finished the competition with a 2-2 verdict record. The top attorney award for the Avila team went to Senior Lissa Carroll, and the top witness award went to Senior Jeff Kuhns.

The teams are rated by scores acquired during the opening statement phase, the direct and cross examination phase, and the closing statement phase. Teams are judged in two categories: the ruling of the case, and the total points received by the students. Students score points on organization, clarity, knowledge of the case, poise, and delivery.

The purpose for the tournament is to introduce students to the litigation process and to familiarize them with the basic elements of the legal system. The Political Science program is already preparing for next year's competition and for other competitions throughout the United States. Mock Trial is offered as a class and welcomes anyone with an interest in law or anyone who just wants to have fun.

Next year, the team hopes that more students will contribute and share in the success of the team. Since the content of a trial has many aspects, various departments, such as theatre and business, are urged to participate. Greater interest and concern needs to be shown for this important event at Avila.

A special thanks goes out to Kevin Jamison, who attended the tournament, and acted as attorney coach. Chris Kuehl, who set up the team, was unable to attend due to illness. And, let's not forget to thank the participating students who worked hard to represent Avila.

Avila College Catalogs

By Lisa Levine

Ever wonder what is involved in putting together a two-year Avila College Catalog?

This long, hard process begins in August. Each department writes up its curriculum for its area of study. Academic Affairs contributes the academic policies here at Avila. After all the information is compiled, it is typed into a computer and sent to Modern Litho to be printed.

Eleven thousand copies are printed altogether; 5,500 for this year and 5,500 for next year. Out of these 11,000 copies, admissions is awarded 5,000 to send to students who are interested in attending Avila in the future. There will be copies available in the library. In addition, every faculty member and department will receive a copy to have on hand for students.

The catalog itself includes general information about Avila, campus life, admission/expenses, financial regulations, financial aid, academic information, academic policies, programs (undergraduate and graduate) and administration/faculty.

There's not only hard work involved in putting together an Avila Catalog, but also money. The cost of this catalog is \$20,000. Where does

this money come from? It comes from our operational fund. The money in this fund is used for anything that is needed to operate the college: teacher's salaries or utilities, for example.

The finished product was completed in January. Everybody on campus put their share of hard work into making this catalog. The catalog becomes effective with the Fall 1990 semester.

Although the catalog is complete, let's not forget the three main elements of putting it together: long, busy hours; lots of money; and, many hardworking people.

Avila OPPA Hosts Town Meeting

By Larry White

Avila College's Organization of Politics and Public Administration (OPPA) is sponsoring a town meeting on April 4th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Whitfield Center. Students and faculty of Avila are invited to attend and participate in this year's event.

The program will be in the form of a town meeting in a mythical city called "Super City". Several area elected officials and public managers will act as the city council and answer questions from the audience on a wide range of issues affecting government today. The guests on the council hold prominent positions in local government and include: a county commissioner, three mayors, a city administrator, two city managers, a county administrator, a county executive official, and two city council members.

The event affords a fine opportunity to observe and take part in a great American tradition with actual government officials participating. The town meeting is primarily an educational experience, according to Avila members of OPPA. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Student Affairs Make Changes

By Shirley Anne Keller

Avila College's Student Affairs Division is reorganizing the areas of human resources, student development, and residence life to better serve student's needs.

The objectives of the reorganization are to increase service to students in the areas of job placement, student organizations, and residence life; and, to consolidate leadership to provide the Vice President and Dean additional time for renovation projects. The positions of Assistant Dean and Director of Human Resources have been created by this consolidation. The Director of Residence Life, Director of Student Development, and Coordinator of Career and Counseling positions will be eliminated.

The Assistant Dean will coordinate residence life activities, student development, and security, as well as work with special projects. The Director of Human Resources will work with the Intensive Language and Culture Program and college skills. He will supervise the full-time Coordinator of Placement and Career Development, and the parttime Personal Counselor. These changes benefit students by creating a stronger placement service and greater professional resources. "In the long run, we will be able to provide better services to meet the needs expressed by students," said Thomas Lease, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs.

The reorganization began in January and becomes effective July 1st.

A Weekend of Words and Writers

By Larry White

Avila College was host of a writers conference for aspiring novice and professional writers, March 10 and 11. The two-day event featured 19 workshops on a wide variety of literary and writing topics.

The writers conference staff included: Margaret V. Daly, Executive Features Editor of Better Homes and Gardens magazine; Randy Russell, a native Kansas Citian who has written a number of murder mysteries set in Kansas City; and, Rhonda Chriss Lokeman, an editorial writer on the staff of the Kansas City Star newspaper. She has been nominated three times for a Pulitzer Prize for her insightful writing. Her commentary in the Star concerns the subjects of Latin America, NASA, Civil Rights, and Housing. The Kansas City Globe newspaper named Ms. Lokeman one of the 100 most influential blacks in Kansas City.

Daly is a widely respected authority on family money matters and has created a number of articles on homeless families. She is the author of several books and has received an award from the American Bar Association.

Russell has authored the books, "Hot Wired" and "Blind Spot". He has co-authored several others with his wife, Janet Barnett. He is currently writing a novel based on an unsolved 1941 Kansas City murder.

The writers conference also featured two literary agents, Marlene Conner who began her own agency, Conner Literary Agent, in 1985, and Eileen Fallon, representing Lowenstein Associates of New York City. Attending the writers conference, as well, were 14 individual workshop leaders. According to organizers, the writers conference was deemed a success, and all are looking forward to next year's event.

SENATE OPENINGS

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs for the following positions:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Nursing Senator

Humanities Senator Business Senator NAHSM Senator 2 Senators-at-Large

Nursing Senator

Ed/Psych Senator

Social Science Senator

Become a part of the Senate Excitement for 1990-91 — APPLY NOW

Applications are due Thursday, March 19, 1990

Student Senate: We're Looking For a Few Good Men and Women

By Brett Reinert

Well, it's that time of year again, when college students across the nation start living from break to break in an effort to make it to the end of the semester. Spring Break is history, and Easter Break will be over before you know it. I guess that puts us close to (dare I say it?) FINALS TIME again!

Well, before you fall into a complete panic and collapse into a quivering mass onto the floor in front of your instructor pleading for leniency, relax for a minute and think about your future (if you ever graduate).

When you are applying for that

first job or maybe for entrance into grad school, what are you going to put on that application? Do you need some practical experience in student leadership to help you in your career? Would you like the opportunity to expand your horizons, make new friends and become an important decision maker on campus?

No, I'm not talking about joining the Army, just the Avila College Student Senate. That's right, the Senate is proud to announce upcoming, open elections! Yes, you too can be a mover and shaker on this campus. You can make important decisions concerning the future of your campus. You CAN make a difference. The opportunity is yours for the asking. All you have to do is talk to a senator right now about getting your petition. If you don't see a senator, drop by Tom Lease's office; they'll treat you right!

The sooner you fill out your petition and return it to the Senate, the sooner your name will be included on the upcoming ballot. Don't miss out because you were too lazy - do it TODAY.

PROFESSOR
OF THE
YEAR
AWARD

By Student Government

Nominate your favorite Instructor (full or part-time)

You can pick up nomination ballots in the Office of Student Affairs or around campus.

Nominations are due by March 29, 1990

Something

Ridiculous

By Kenneth Jackson

I looked in the mower's gas tank and out crawled a large brown and white spider

out crawled a large brown and white spider who fell to the floor and staggered around rather disoriented.

I jumped back and was getting ready to step on it when Ralph said, "Don't kill it. It was probably just looking for a drink, got caught in there and got silly off the fumes." He then gently picked the spider up and carried it out into the front lawn.

My initial reaction was I didn't want any gasoline drinking spiders running around my place, but after a minute I realized that if anybody knew how a stoned spider

if anybody knew how a stoned spider would act, it would have to be Ralph.

would act, it would have to be Ralph. Besides, I wasn't going to argue with anybody who had such compassion for crawly things.

I proceeded to kick the mower, and two more spiders crawled out acting a lot like the first one. Ralph quickly sprang into action, gently picking them up and carrying them out front. I heard him say something like, "Poor little darlings, how did you get in that nasty gasoline?, Let me show you where your daddy is." It was at this time I decided that it was Ralph who had gotten silly off the fumes. He soon came

gotten silly off the fumes. He soon came back and proudly announced that he had reunited a family. I told him I was proud of him and asked him if he'd drive me up to

the gas station.

Along the way I learned everything I never wanted to know about happy little

spider families, which did nothing but

confirm my previous conclusion about my

I filled the gas can and discovered a leak which Ralph quickly fixed with a piece of gum. We went back home and filled the

mower after Ralph checked the tank for more of his little buddies and gave the

string a pull. It wouldn't budge. He sug-

gested rigormortis; I suggested he shut

We turned the mower over and discovered that the blade was embedded in dried

grass and mud. Upon closer examination,

I discovered a few more spiders. Ralph

While Ralph gathered his cute little buddies up, I went next door and asked

Bob if I could borrow his hammer and

chisel. Bob wanted to know what I wanted

to use them for, and I said, "My mower". He said, "You don't use a hammer and

chisel on a mower." I asked him if he had any explosives. He returned with a ham-

and mud, Bob came round and asked if I

needed any help? I told him no, unless he had a jackhammer. He stated he didn't,

but he could call his brother. I told him to

He asked what Ralph was doing in the front yard. I said, "Attending a family reun-

ion." He looked at me kind of strange, so I

suggested that some things were not meant for man to figure out. He seemed to

I poured a quart of oil into the mower.

gave the shoe string about 37 pulls and the lawn mower rattled to life. Bob asked what

I was going to do with the mower. I said, "Give myself a haircut," excused myself and headed for the backyard, where my

first mission was to save the family of

off the mower, so I scrounged around, found a bolt and, with Bob's help, repaired the wheel. I then hooked a machete to my

belt and proceeded to go conquer the last

As I stood at the gate with this vast grassland stretching out in front of me, I re-

membered a time when I used to enjoy cutting grass and wondered why it couldn't

Ralph, Bob and his kids, who were squirrels in their own right, were on hand for the going through the gate ceremony.

tor the going through the gate ceremony. The kids were screaming something about Dad and Rambo going into the jungle to mow down the enemy. I thought this was interesting since, except for the machete and the bandana, I looked nothing like Rambo. I asked them if they would like to go along for the adventure? They said sure, and I told them I'd give them a quarter for every snake over three feet they killed. They went inside.

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fixings for snake bites. I said that I didn't

eat exotic foods and started into the back-

When I reached the gate, the wheel feil

While I was working on the dried grass

was ecstatic; I was nauseated.

mer and chisel

Part 2

EDITORIAL COMMENT: What are Society's Priorities?

By LeAnne Alexander, Editor

CREATIVE

By Richard Dupuis

Imagine that eagle

With silent wings on air

He looks down on man

Yet above our delusion

Seeing confusion

Away from troubles

Free of pressures

Living on feelings

His heart decides

His mind subsides

To space and color

But we worry about

Believing it better to have

possessions

And so it will be

Until man can see

Than to feel

Watching the world below

I see an eagle

EXPRESSION

Gliding around white clouds

On the blue canvas of the sky

It's recently come to my attention that we, the society, have illogical priorities in our societal mind and contemporary lives.

For instance, salaries in different fields are not logically dispersed. Some of the highest-paid jobs in our world are performer/entertainment positions. This category would include professional athletes, models, singers, actors, etc. These people help us live out our dreams, make us smile, and entertain us. This is an important outlet to many lives; but, is this a luxury rather than a necessity? Will we die if a comedian doesn't make us laugh?

What are the necessity professions in our society? They include medical positions, educators, and social workers, along with many other positions that take care of us when we are ill, educate our children (our future), and help those who are in need. These people are essential to our lives and to the growth of society. Yet, until these last few years, these positions have been overlooked and poorly compen-

Now, they are recognized as professions which need and deserve compensation; yet, they are still not acknowledged as entertainers and professional athletes are acknowledged.

Shouldn't we be instilling value and respect for necessity professions in our children as well as respect for persons who are talented in any field? Shouldn't we acknowledge the valuable services that these people and professions provide?

Isn't it a strange human trait that we pay someone more money to sing to us than we pay someone who saves our lives or our future? Maybe we need to look at our values and start getting Our Priorities Straight.

Independent College **Interview Day**

On Thursday, April 12, 1990, Avila will be co-sponsoring the 2nd Annual Independent College Interview Day. This year's event will be held at St. John's Center, 2015 East 72nd Street (72nd & Paseo), from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Over 40 companies and organizations will be present, each conducting interviews for current job opportunities. This will be an excellent chance for students to interview with several companies and to network with many others. Interviews are scheduled 25 minutes apart and are expected to last approximately 20 minutes. Professional dress is recommended. If you would like to brush up on interview skills or review your resume, contact the Human Resource

Sign-up sheets for each company are located in HRC. Students must sign-up and submit a resume for each position in which they are interviewing. Sign-up sheets, information, and directions to St. John's are available in HRC (Lower Blasco). Deadline for signup is March 23, 1990. You will be contacted and informed as to your specific interview times. Please keep in touch with HRC.

THE GREAT PARADOX: The

In the old days (an unmentionable sum) "having" a girlfriend meant

holding a hostage. Possession was 9/10 of the law, so rumors claimed;

therefore, if I "had" a girlfriend, I possessed a girlfriend, and the law was

on my side, right? Maybe, but the girl always thought differently. My first

"real" romance sure thought differently anyway. She consistently re-

sisted my demands that she not talk to other males - - those fierce

competitors I knew would steal her heart the very minute she acknowl-

edged their existence - - and appeared no less enthused when I

requested she always be home when I called, which she usually wasn't,

though I expressly implied I'd call sometime between six and ten any

given evening. I became disillusioned in short time, three, maybe four

years tops, about the captor/captee relationship, or the lack of, rather.

She acceded not to my rules, eventually defying completely all my re-

quests. So, our love dissolved like a bubble in air and blended with other

emotions abandoned in the environment. Now, the last I heard, my

"escapee" had married some college-educated guy - - computer science,

I think - - who treated her as an equal. Strike one for the Women's

Liberation Army. We males hadn't heard of such nonsense in those days:

equals? Did I accept my defeat with the grace of a mature adult? Certainly

not. I muddled through introspectively adjusting to the new woman/new

man developmental period as well as anyone undergoing postwar

redevelopment would: forward one slow step, balk, rebel, rearward two

So across a pair of decades now, times have changed for the better

for the man in a relationship. My dates will now treat me to an evening out,

call me for a date, open my door, walk me to the door when we return from

the evening's activities, ask me for a kiss good night, and initiate other

more intimate activities. AND -- I don't need to capture her. I'm freed from

the prisoner-of-war commandant role. The real advantage today, though,

is that I no longer have to drive; she drives us. An unheard of phenome-

quick steps, balk, sigh, then forward again.

Captor's Freedom

By Bill Beaver

Independent College Interview

Century Companies

Chubb Group of Insurance Companies

Color Tile

Franklin Financial Services

Healthcor Inc.

Hyatt Regency Crown Center

IDS Financial Service, Inc.

Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department

The Kansas City Renaissance Festival

Kansas Division of Personnel Services

Missouri Department of Corrections

Modern American Life Insurance

Platte County Sheltered Facilities

Prime Health Kansas City, Inc.

Rent-A-Center, subsidiary of Thorn EMI

Shamrock Broadcasting

St. Paul Fire & Marine

Suburban Lawn & Garden

Swope Park Health Center

Tri-Ko, Inc.

Triple I (Information Industries,

United State Peace Corps

Western Missouri Mental Health

Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun

yard. To be continued...

Day Interviewers 1990 American Waterbeds

Cerner Corporation

Constant Care Inc.

Decorating Den

Directories America

DST Systems, Inc.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Food Barn

IRS

Metropolitan Life

Missouri Department of Corrections (Honor Center)

Mutual of Omaha

North Supply Company

Northwestern Mutual Life: The Ertz Group, Inc.

RSI (Pizza Hut)

Salvation Army

A.L. Williams Financial Services

That objects are weights Keeping our souls from flying

By Shirley Anne Keller

Avila College's Work-Study Program offers variety, job experience, flexibility and convenience. Students can do clerical work, help build sets in the theater, shelve books and assist fellow students in the library, or work in the science lab, as well as many other tasks. "We try to match a student's background and college major with the work-study jobs," said Barbara Perrot, coordinator of the Work-Study Program. She noted that "the primary benefits of the program are for the student to earn money and learn job skills, although Avila also benefits from the student's help in all departments."

Work-Study Benefits Students and Avila

Sister Una Marie, director of Avila's library, has 11 work-study students working for her and could use more. "I don't think we could do as well without them," she said.

Students in the Work-Study Program have flexible hours. "I work approximately 20 hours a week and can schedule my job around my classes," said Lisa Levine who works at the switchboard and in the mailroom. "I like it; it gives me a chance to earn money and meet a lot of people."

"Work-study helps me pay for tuition and earn extra money," said Angie Keiper, a work-study student in the Financial Aid Office. Keiper lives on campus and appreciates the convenience of working close to home. The Work Study Program is federally funded and based on need. The number of hours students can work under this program depends on their financial need, amount of other aid received, the availability of funds.

Students interested in finding out more about the work-study program are encouraged to visit with the Office of Financial Aid.



REVIEW: The Magic Waun

By Brett Reinert

"When you open your eyes, you will be on an airplane destined for Hawaii." The only trouble was that three engines fell off on the way. The Magic Waun, a professional hypnotist, performed in the snack bar for an audience of 50 captive people. The intimate atmosphere and modish lighting set the stage for an evening of relaxation and entertainment. When I say relaxation, I mean RELAXATION. Almost to the point of sliding off your chair.

The performance began with a brief explanation offered by the hypnotist, and then he asked for volunteers. That's when the fun began. The original six volunteers

were quickly reduced to two finalist, April Gaddis and Tina MacDonald. The rest of the evening was spent putting these two subjects through the paces. Both were told that the audience was naked, then they were naked. Talk about some embarrassed people...Put yourself in this position: you have to tell someone they have a bugger on the end of their nose the size of a golfball (yes Jennifer, you can take that off now, just don't eat it). And then, every time you hear the words "North Dakota" you have just topped off three beers. That makes a 12 pack in just 8 words (I bet it's cheaper that way!). But to top it all off and finish the show, the Magic Waun (we'll just call him Magic) gave a post-hypnotic suggestion that when he mentioned his own name, the subjects would have to go the bathroom 1,000 times worse than ever before in their entire lives. As the two ran out of the snack bar with pained looks on their faces, the show came to a close. Thanks to Magic for coming all the way from North Dakota to perform for us (I guess that makes another three, do you have to go to the bathroom yet?).

The evening's entertainment provided a much needed release at a very tense time - coming off Spring Break. Magic's performance was very professional. You would probably have to pay 20 or 30 dollars at a night club to see an equivalent act. The only problem with the whole show was the dependence on the audience for subjects. I don't know if it was a tense night on campus or what, but relaxed subjects were hard to find (I know, I was one of the rejects! Maybe I'll get a t-shirt printed?). But overall, the evening was very enjoyable, and all were had by a good time (or vice versa). On Brett's scale of one to ten apricot halves, I've give it a definite

Tune in next week when I'll be reviewing the Avila College Marching Band in the NAIA State Band Competition. Rumor has it that they will be sweeping the Stationary March Session this year. Many thanks to Joann and all the little people behind the scenes who made this article possible. (This article underwritten by a grant from the PBS station nearest you.)

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The Avila Examiner reserves the right to edit and print all materials received for publication.

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Parenting in the 90s March 26-30, 1990

<u> Monday, March 26</u>

'Issues of Faith in Parenting"

Presented by Fr. Mike Zahorchak and a panel of students. Bring your lunch and join the group as faith and the spiritual dimension of parenting are discussed. 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Marian Centre Lounge.

"Parenthood"

Presented by Student Union Board Films Coordinator Jennifer Berry. Come and enjoy a showing of this Ron Howard film as Steve Martin and a host of comedians offer a glimpse of the lighter side of parenting. 7:00 p.m., Marian Centre Lounge.

Tuesday, March 27

'Parenthood'

Presented by Student Union Board Films Coordinator Jennifer Berry. Come and enjoy a second showing of this comedy starring Steve Martin. 7:00 p.m., Marian Centre

Wednesday, March 28

Child Care Open House

Presented by Avila's Child Care program. Take some time to find out about our Child Care Program and the great service it provides parents. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Child Care Center, Hodes Education Area.

"Parenting and the Dual-Career Couple"

Presented by David Wissmann's class on Parenting. Sit in on this open class and participate in lively discussion on this most timely topic. 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., O'Rielly

Moderated by Roena Haynie with panel members Connie Frazzell and Jolene Armstrong. Participate in this panel discussion on styles of parenting that will address single parenting, adoption and various dilemmas, techniques and opportunities in parenting situations. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Marian Centre Lounge.

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Applications now available in the Financial Aid

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR AWARD 1990-91

For years, a group of generous Avila alumna have contributed funds to provide scholarships for Avila students. Applications from students who meet the criteria outlined below are reviewed by a group of the scholarship sponsors. The sponsors select students whom they would like to interview and decide upon awards. Although award ranges and number of recipients vary from year to year, past awards have ranged from \$500 to \$2,000 per recipient. Awards are renewable with reapplica-

To be considered for a Scholarship Sponsors Award, you must:

- be currently enrolled at Avila
- not be receiving an Avila President's Scholarship
- have completed at least 24 credit hours at Avila by the end of last semester (as of December 17, 1989)
- have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average. (We will consider either your G.P.A. from all college work completed or your Avila-only G.P.A., whichever meets the criteria.)
- · have no failing ("F") final grades.

In addition to these, you must enroll in at least 15 credit hours each semester you receive the

If you meet the criteria and would like to be considered for a Scholarship Sponsors Award for 1990-91, pick up an application in the Financial Aid Office, Lower Blasco Hall.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY. **APRIL 11, 1990**

Dean's List: Who's Eligible

By Lisa Levine

In the first issue of the Avila Examiner, there was a listing of all the students who made the Dean's List. Many students wondered who is eligible to be on the list?

Every undergraduate student is eligible. Students must have a course load of at least 12 hours. A grade-point average of at least 3.5 on those 12 hours is required.

The Dean's List comes out every semester. So, start studying now, and next semester you could see your name on the list, and feel proud!

GOOD NEWS

Dear Member of the Avila Community,

Depending upon your upbringing and your religious affiliation, your memories and experiences of God may be true or false, healthy or unhealthy, good or bad. False images of God are portrayed in threatening statements such as, "God is going to get you!" or "God is punishing you!" Such statements present a hostile, cruel, and punitive God. In the Gospels, Jesus, both in his person and his teachings, portrays God as totally different. God is Good News! The following five passages best portray God as love, joy, and peace.

- 1. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. (John 3:15-16).
- 2. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you... I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. (John 15:9, 11, 12).
- 3. I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45).
- 4. Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34).
- But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. (John 14:26-27).

If you have not met the God of the Scriptures, the Good News. Jesus Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, then be good to yourself and seek his acquaintance and friendship. A relationship with Jesus will bring you life more abundantly. If you have met and known this God, then I invite you to share your experience in the next

> Your sister, Ruth Stuckel, C.S.J.

Last Day To Drop Semester Long Classes: March 23, 1990

Be informed read the Avila Examiner

SPORTS

The Season Begins for Avila Men

By Derek Moorhead

Baseball fever is in the air, and the boys of summer are back. While the rest of the city is dealing with arbitrations, contract disputes, and lockouts, Avila is waiting to see their baseball season begin.

Last year, the athletic department introduced the baseball program to Avila. In their first year, the team struggled and finished with a 7-25 season; but, Avila was proud

of their first taste of baseball. This year, the team has set higher goals. Head Coach Dave Klein will have seventeen players representing Avila on the field. Returning this season are Seniors Joe Sharkey, Brad McCully, Jeff Stapleton, and Richard Joyce, Junior Kevin Dudzik, and Sophomores Chris Koettker, Larry Squiers, and Lonnie Spiess.

So far this season, the Avila men are off to a slow start. Two tournaments, Baker and Westminster, have brought six losses, and the team split a doubleheader with Mid-America Nazarene. Avila will try to turn their record around when they travel to Evangel, Benedictine, and Tarkio. The first home game is against Midland College of Nebraska on March 19, at 1 o'clock.

Having experience in key positions and feeling for teams at the college level should give the Avila men an edge to success this year. Let's get out there and support our team!

Lady Avalanche Catch Fire

By Derek Moorhead

The Lady Avalanche have wasted no time on the field to show Avila and the district that they are out to win. After five games, the softball team has played three powerhouse teams and walked away with two victories. At this time last year, the women had already lost six games.

In the first doubleheader against Tarkio, the women of Avila lost their first game, but were leading when the second game was called because of rain.

Returning home for their first home game of the season, Avila split a doubleheader with UMKC, and then travelled to Central Methodist, where the women again split a doubleheader.

Reasons for this immediate success are experience, with most of last year's team returning, and hitting. Hitting has improved with the help of Sophomore slugger Kim Nordike leading the offensive attack.

Head Coach Joan Ice has only 13 players to work with; but, so far, this has not been a problem. Most players on the team played last year. Returning are Sophomores Therese Piper, Becky LeMasters, Anne Dempsey, Lisa Fisher, and Jean Moloney, Juniors Krista Kanies, and Angie Sullivan, and Senior Janet Aguirre.

The Lady Avalanche have a tough road ahead. They play their next games at the William Woods tournament, March 16-17, and eight games at home against Evangel, Culver-Stockton, Benedictine, and Missouri Valley. With the softball team on the rise, they are in need of strong support. The home games will be played at Jackson County Parks and Recreation at 140th & Holmes, so get out and root the Avalanche to victory!

Fast Food Escape

By Tasha Kovich and Lisa Levine

Welcome to the wonderful world of food! Today's guest is Queen Palace, which specializes in Chinese food. The unique decor is tastefully done. The spacious setting and soothing music make for an inviting atmosphere. The friendly service coincides with the generous portions of food.

The menu consists of entrees ranging from seven to fourteen dollars. Extras include appetizers, soups, and vegetables. Carry-out is available. A large selection of alcoholic beverages is listed in the menu. The food itself was not outstanding, but was satisfactory.

Overall, we give this restaurant a "B" grade. So, the next time you get a craving for Chinese food, check out Queen Palace located at 9938 Holmes Road. They are open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and from noon until 9:30 p.m. on Sunday.

MOVIE REVIEW: Blue Steel

By LeAnne Alexander

"Blue Steal", an action-packed, suspenseful movie, starring Jamie Lee Curtis, Ron Silver and Clancy Brown, was produced by Edward R. Pressman and Oliver Stone. The story is of a woman who has just graduated from police academy. She is on her first night as a police officer when she shoots an armed robber. When her action is investigated, the robber's gun is missing. The missing gunfalls into the hands of a man who terrorizes Curtis' life.

The storyline is very complex yet not revealed in depth, which leaves the viewer feeling that you are not being told the whole story.

The movie is very intense, but highly violent. It is rated R, which is appropriate in proportion to the violence to which you are exposed throughout the story line.

If you enjoy action, suspense thrillers, you will like "Blue Steel". If violence is a turn off for your taste, do not bother to go; you'll be wasting your time and money.



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To Jeff and John, Hickory, dickory, dock... Love, Sydney, Carol and Tina

Want some squid for dinner? Guess who?

Beth.

Thanks for all the help and support on the paper and on everything.

Editor

Katie,

Yellowstone or bust...I WILL find somebody to hold my hand. Love ya, Darrah

Joann,

LANDSHARK - - Coming in from the east - - BEWARE.

The Cat Jumps Over The Moon At Nine, Darrah

Recognizing Yet Another Face

By Seth Norwood

You'll be seeing, yet, another new face around Avila's campus. Not only does Avila have a new men's basketball manager, but we also have a new Athletic Director -- introducing Mr. Mark Tobin, who came to Avila from Atlantic Christian College, where he was Director of Athletics.

Tobin has been associated with the NAIA for about 15 years and says, "When the job came up I applied for it", in regards to choosing Avila. Tobin also says things have been pretty busy so far here at Avila, due to ideas for new development. "Right now, we are in the process of getting some JV (Junior Varsity) programs, additional sports, and upgrading the sports we already have", Tobin stated of his intentions.

In addition to being an Athletic Director already, Tobin has also been a coach for such sports as women's basketball, men's basketball, and wrestling. Now what more can a college ask for in an Athletic Director? How about working on some hot tubs for the dorms, Mark? Just kidding!

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